HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative
2027 Touchstone Energy High School Senior Scholarship Program

Multiple one-time scholarships of $2,500 each will be awarded to high school seniors, based on need, grades, and community service.

Purpose:

- To support cooperative members furthering their higher education;
- To promote the cooperative's involvement with our communities

Timeline:

- Applications are due by 5 pm, **March 31, 2027**
- Applications may be emailed to Communications Manager Charly Markwart at cmarkwart@homeworks.org as a PDF or in Word (.doc/.docx) format
- Mid-April – Winners notified
- Mid-May – Winners announced publicly at district meetings – scholarships will be paid directly to the college once student has registered

Criteria:

Applicant must be a high school senior and U.S. citizen, **whose parents or guardians are currently member-owners of the cooperative**. Preference is given to students whose primary residence lies within HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative's service area. A "member-owner" purchases electricity from HomeWorks in their own name. (Children of HomeWorks Tri-County employees are also eligible if they meet the membership requirements listed here.)

These scholarships are available to home-schooled students, as well as those enrolled in public or private high schools.

Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited full-time post-secondary credit program (institute, technical, community college, or university) with a program starting date between June 1 and November 30 of 2027. (If selected, you will be asked to provide your Social Security Number, as well as copies of your school's official registration information showing your enrollment.)

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Academic achievements, including grade point average, academic honors and special courses taken, etc. **A transcript is optional, but very helpful**.
- Leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, and work experience
- **A brief applicant-written statement of your need for this scholarship**
- **A brief applicant-written statement of educational and career goals**
- **A recommendation written by a third party**
- Your application must be legible to be considered. Do NOT use pencil. If you fill out the application in your own handwriting, use blue or black ink and be careful to keep your writing neat. **Use standard margins on the pages** – do not write from one edge of the paper to the other.

A complete application MUST include the basic information sheets (first two pages), the two applicant statements and the third-party recommendation. Incomplete applications will not be considered. *(If time allows, applicants who fail to include all requested information MAY be notified and offered the chance to complete their application.)*

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS TOP SHEET WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

IT IS A REMINDER OF THE PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.
If you return this sheet, use pencil, write illegibly or ignore margins,
your application will be docked points for failure to follow directions.

HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative, 7973 E. Grand River Ave., Portland Michigan 48875

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(If you need additional space to answer any questions, please use a separate sheet or the back of this form.) If you are writing your responses instead of filling this form out digitally, please fill in your answers with ink.

Section 1: Personal information, including cooperative membership:

Name:_____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, ZIP: _____

Address at which they receive Tri-County Electric service, if different from your mailing address:

_____

How long have they lived there? _____

From their most recent electric bill, list the account number: _____

List the name under which service is received: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

Are you a United States citizen? _____ Yes ____ No ***Social Security Number: (required if selected)***

Section 2: Academic information:

High school name and address: _____

High school graduation date: _____ GPA (cumulative)_____

Academic honors, special courses taken, etc.

Name and address of accredited school you will attend:

Planned major course of study? _____

Career plans after school? _____

Section 3. Leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, work experience:

Current or recent community and school activities:

Give a brief description of your work experience, including dates of employment:

❑ **Section 4: Statement of Need (separate page, following application form)**

❑ **Section 5: Statement of Educational and Career Goals (separate page, following application form)**

❑ **Section 6: Recommendation written by third party (separate page, provided by the writer of the letter)**

Applicant's Signature_____ Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____ Date_____

Applications without a guardian's signature will be returned for a signature. If you are 18 or over, you do not need to have a guardian's signature. Please supply your birthdate instead:

Birthdate (if over 18)_____

If someone else filled out this application for you, please list their name and why their assistance was needed:

_____

❑ Email address, if you would like an acknowledgement that this application has been received:

On the next two pages, in no more than 250 words each, tell us why you need this Touchstone Energy scholarship, and your educational and career goals. Your entry must be legible to be considered.-Your application must also include a written recommendation from a third party.

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Statement of Need

Applicant's Name: _____

Please use **the space below** (NOT a separate sheet) to tell us, in not more than 250 words, why you specifically need this Touchstone Energy scholarship. This statement is part of the criteria used to determine Touchstone Energy scholarship recipients.

Note: Statements such as "with this scholarship, I will be able to work less and can study more" or "with this scholarship, I will have to borrow less from other sources" are not adequate answers. They apply to every applicant. Tell us why YOUR OWN circumstances show this need.

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Statement of Educational and Career Goals

Applicant's Name: _____

Please use **the space below** (NOT a separate sheet) to provide, in not more than 250 words, a statement of your educational and career goals. Why did you select **this** course of study, and **this** college or university? This statement is part of the criteria used to determine Touchstone Energy scholarship recipients.